GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SUIGENERIS LEGISLATION
MAHBOOB ZAHEDI

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government assure to protect plant varieties through `Suigeneris Legislation`; and

(b) the steps taken to protect the peasants from use of terminator and traitor technology or from genetically engineered seeds which are also detrimental to the health of people and environment?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): `The Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers` Rights Bill,2001` which is based ona `Suigeneris System` has been passed by the Lok Sabha on 9.8.2001.

(b): This Bill has a provision that no registration shall be made of a variety whichinvolves any technology including Terminator Technology and Genetic Use Restriction Technology, which is injurious to the life or health of human beings, animals or plants.